WILLIAM FOX PHOTOPLAYS SUPREME RELEASED THROUGH Fox Film CORPORATION

Monday at the Olympic — William Fox presents Virginia Pearson in All for a Husband. Also the interesting serial "The Mystery Ship."

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QUESTIONNAIRES TO BE INDEXED IN CONDENSED FORM

War Department Will Know Where to Find the Men Wanted on Short Notice

A new move has been advanced by the War department at Washington, which affects every exemption or registration board in the county, and local boards in this district are now receiving their instructions as to the proper procedure in this new phase of the work.

The Monessen Board, Division No. 8 of Westmoreland county, has not yet received its instructions, but the board officials are expecting full information by an early mail.

Chairman John O. Watson, of District No. 5. of Washington county, with office at Charleroi, has received instructions for that board.

The new feature is to complete a card index system of every questionnaire, to be later forwarded to Washington City for systematic filing and for future reference. From every registrant's questionnaire, is taken his answers, which are placed on the filing card, thus bringing each individual record down to a minimum.

When these cards are all filed at the National capitol, the officials there have all the necessary data at their finger tips. Thus, if they need an electrician, boilermaker, plumber, carpenter, engineer, or any other artisan or mechanic, it will take but a very few minutes to find just what is wanted—the man's name, what he can do, where he is, etc.

This will be quite a big job, and already the Charleroi teachers have volunteered to help in the work. It is said Charleroi will have about 5,000 questionnaires to handle.

Monessen's record of registrants is 4,119 and it is presumed if the board needs help, the local teachers will very readily advance their aid in completing the transfer.

STAR THEATRE

TODAY—Vivian Martin in "LITTLE MISS OPTIMIST" a photoplay of romance, hardships and entaglements, with a background of beautiful California redwood. Miss Martin is supported by Tom Moore in this picture. Also screen magazine, showing the great Halifax disaster. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

Vaudeville Thursday & Friday

"Imperial Trio," Russian dancers and singers.

"The Crazy Quilts," novelty singing, talking and dancing.

"Jacobs & Sardell," novelty entertainers.

THURSDAY—Herbert Rawlinson and Brownie Vernon in "FLIRTING WITH DEATH."

Notice To Our Patrons

Mr. Meyers just returned from New York and all the eastern markets.

Merchandise will be 50 to 100 per cent higher next fall.

Fleece lined underwear is now selling at $9.50 net. last year at 50c.

There will be no all-wool overcoats next season, except those made of piece goods now on the market.

We predict that wool bunle hosiery that usually sell at 25c may reach 65c and 75c per pair. 50c quality will be $1.00 to $1.50.

If you have the cash to spare. lay in your next winter supply. NOW.

War or no war there is no raw material to be had.

We still have 300 men's overcoats, all wool materials to dispose of. Also quite a number of men's and young men's suits.

MEYERS'

Minstrel Will Be Along Patriotic Lines

Regular rehearsals are now being held in the Elks Temple for the coming performance of their minstrel, which will be held in the High school auditorium Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 7, 8 and 9, with a special matinee Saturday afternoon. The performance this year will be along patriotic and military lines, with plenty of side issues that will make it one of the best in the history of the organization. Jack Keifer, the old reliable standby, will direct the minstrel again this year. "Jack" has something good in store in the musical line that is sure to make a hit.

Will Wear Lock of Hair

Each soldier from River Forest, a surburb of Chicago, will march into battle with a lock of hair from his sweetheart's head over his heart, if the plan of Mrs. Eric Winters goes into effect.

She suggests that women knitting sweaters especially for men of their own families who have enlisted, work into the body of the garment, just above the heart, a strand of their own hair. Thus the "warrior bold" will carry his gage of battle with him always.

—THE BEST—GLENDORA coffee, 3 lbs. $1.00. Your Grocer. Jan. 1-1m

Things They Like

"To get 100 per cent. fighting efficiency out of John Parsons you've got to give him his old carpet slippers after a hard day's work in the trenches. A good cigar and a piece of apple pie to round it out and you've got a satisfied man that will do anything you tell him. I've lived with him for ten years and I know."

This note, addressed to Marine Corps headquarters at Washington. D. C., by Mrs. John Parson, also contained an inquiry as to whether there was any embargo on carpet slippers. Betsey Lees and apple pie going to fighting marines in France.

It's a big question and while the Marine Corps maintains no time study or welfare departments, it is felt that if old carpet slippers will enhance John Parson's fighting qualities, he'll just have to have them, that's all.

Three Victor Records

that you have been wanting:

35663.

"Missouri Waltz," J. C. Smith Orchestra.

"Kiss Me AGain Waltz" J. C. Smith Orchestra.

18383

"We're Going Over," Peerless Quartet.

"I Dont Know Where I'm Going," Peerless Quartet.

18335

"Good Bye Broadway Hello France," American Quartet.

"Where Do We Go From Here," American Quartet.

We have just received a shipment of these specials which you will appreciate.

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462 Donner Ave. Monessen, Pa.

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LOCAL GIRLS WILL PLAY CALIFORNIA

The next basketball game in the High school gymnasium will be played Friday evening when the Monongahela High school team will be here to meet the Monessen High school boys. In this game members of the second team will be given a chance for a try-out, as it is not thought necessary to work the first team to its full strength There will be a preliminary game of interest between the California Normal girls and the Monessen High school girls. Game at 7:30.

NEW METHOD OF CARRYING WHISKEY

The latest method of carrying whiskey was revealed when Cecil Stamper of Charleston, W. Va., was arrested. He had bored a hole in his wooden leg and poured whiskey in it. He said he thought the liquor would be better if it aged awhile in the wood.

He made his mistake when he was found removing his wooden leg too often. He is serving a two months' sentence.

Elected as Grand Master

Postmaster R. T. Hugus of Jeannette, has been elected grand master of th Grand Council Royal and Selectmaster Masons of Pennylvania at th annual assembly in Wiliamsport, Pa. He was intalled in his new office at the same time. The election as state head is a high honor. The next annual assembly will be held at Lebanon on the third Tuesday of next January.

Bob-Lo-Garden LOTS

of BOISE BLANK ISLAND in the Straights of Makinac connecting Lake Michigan with Lake Huron.

The Pittsburgh Dispatch is selling lots 30x100 feet on this beautiful island for the cost price of $26.97, including a six months' subscription of the Dispatch. Frank Bumer is the appointed authorized agent and has secured 1 block of 68 lots close to the beautiful summer resort "Point and Pins," on the Lake Front, where lots have been sold from $200 to $1,000. This price of

$26.97

will be until Feb. 15 only.

Ask FRANK BUMER

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Craigs all Week Specials in Guaranted Household Rubber Goods

Regular $1.50 Red Rambler Hot Water bottles; heavy, moulded High Grade Rubber; Guaranteed one year. Two quart size, special $1.29.

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EXTRA SPECIAL

Our famous "Old Time Horehound Drops." First lot this season. 25c a pound.

Craigs Drug Store, 466 Donner Ave. and United Cigar Store

Coupons with every purchase.

WILL AGAIN LOCATE IN THIS CITY

Mr. L. E. Miller, a one time resident of Monessen, announces his return to the city of activity, where he expects to make his future home. Mr. Miller was connected with the Eggers and Graham Lumber company, the first building concern to operate in the town and left here several years ago, when that company moved its headquarters to Uniontown. He remained with the firm in that city for four additional years after which he went with the W. F. Frederick Piano company, taking charge of its McKeesport store—the largest in its chain of successful enterprises—with which firm he has been for the past eight years. He comes back to Monessen to take charge of the Luce Hardware store as manager. Early in the spring, he will move his family here.

Mr. Miller is well and favorably known to a host of Monessen people and all who have an acquaintance with him likewise esteem him as a gentleman of the highest calibre. He has always been considered a careful and painstaking business man and has met unusual success in his undertakings.

This hardware firm has acquired the services of a live up-to-date business man who will treat the general public well and who will strive to keep the store among the town's enterprises full of pep and always ready to serve.

ONE EXPRESS SERVICE FOR MONESSEN

Beginning February first, the American Express company will discontinue the pickup and delivery service at Charleroi, while the Adams Express company will do likewise in Monessen, thus leaving but one express company in each town—the American for Monessen, and the Adams for Charleroi.

This move has been taken by the heads of each company looking toward the conservation of equipment, resources, etc. One of the reasons also is the scarcity of competent help, and it is thought that by each company operating in its own individual field, public interests can be best served, and the operating cost very greatly reduced and service simplified.

VAMPIRING GOT HIM INTO TROUBLE

Here's the story of a colored Julian Eltinge-Theda Bara.

To escape the draft, Jim Gibbon, aged 27 years, Mississippi negro, got a fancy wig, some beads, a dozen or more pairs of loud hosiery and a flock of dresess.

For more than a month he "got away" with the Julian Eltinge stunt, but his Theda Bara "vampiring" landed him in jail.

His dusky suitors were legion, but John Hamilton Brown had the "Inside track."

Then Henry Washington came into her—beg pardon, his life. To prevent a carving bout between the two the colored heart smasher laid bare the naked truth. John tipped the police.

"Ah'm done with this female stuff," said Jim in his cell. "Take me to de trenches. Ah'd rather battle Germans than juggle ladies."

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY INTERESTED IN HOME DEFENSE WORK

TWO CASES BEFORE THE BURGESS

In police court this morning, two men were tried, having been arrested last night near Twelfth street on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. This morning one was fined $1.00 and costs and the other $3.00 and costs.

Another prisoner before Burgess Stewart was charged with fighting fellow workmen at the Seamless Tube mill. The evidence was that he pushed or struck another man who fell against an iron pipe, inflicting a bad cut on the face. The prisoner admitted his guilt and was fined $10.00 and costs.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT SUBMITTED

The first annual reports of the food and fuel administrations, covering the latter part of 1917, were submitted to Congress by President Wilson. Expenditure for both administrations up to December 31, 1917, amounted to $1,493,932. The reports paid tribute to the loyal co-operation given by business men and manufacturers, coal operators and miners. They reviewed the work of the administrations, sketching briefly all of the important steps taken.

OLYMPIC THEATRE

COMING—Alice Joyce and Harry Morrey in "Within the Law" in nine parts.

Anita Stewart in "The Girl Philippa." 1t

SIGNS FOR SALE

"This place open Mondays, closed Tuesday" signs for sale at the Daily Independent office. tf

"THE WARRIOR"

The New York Morning Telegraph says: "Today we have viewed the stupendous, gigantic and artistic cinema spectacle 'The Warrior.' It is far beyond any comparison. Maciste, the world's giant, has never before appeared as in this picture."

The Chicago Tribune says: "'The Warrior,' a photodrama that depicts man at his greatest strength of will and muscle. Maciste is tempted greater than Adam in the Garden of Eden, but Maciste is strong. The most wonderful picture we have ever witnessed."

The Cleveland Plain Dealer says: "Today at Lowes Stillman theatre we have just viewed 'The Warrior,' after a run of seven solid weeks. We are safe in saying this is far the finest picture of art, action, thrills, love and a strong man's will that we have ever played."

The Pittsburgh Press says: "'The Warrior' now playing at the Regent theatre with Maciste, the world's giant, is one of the most spectacular productions ever screened."

Don't fail to see this play at the OLYMPIC Thursday and Friday. Admission 17c and 22c; children's matinee 6c. 1t

Meeting Held Here Last Week and Favorable Action Taken to Promote Work

The Monessen Women's Auxiliary of the Westmoreland county branch of the Council for Home defense is becoming deeply interested in the work and stands ready at any time to do all within its power to advance the interests of our national government in this great struggle for a world-wide free people.

Supt. Robert C. Shaw, chairman of the War Savings committee of Westmoreland county, has instituted an intensive compaign operating through twelve channels including "Women's Clubs" as follows: Bankers, schools, insurance men, ministers, physicians, farmers, traveling men, telephone operators. The men have already opened their campaign. This is a call to the club women to hold themselves in readiness to respond at once to the call when their work has been mapped out for them. The work comes under the head of "National Defense," with Dr. Anna Howard Shaw as the national president of woman's clubs. All women are requested to register for patriotic service for the following reasons:

To give every woman an opportunity to offer to her country such service as she is best fitted to render.

To interpret to the government the possibilities of the woman-power of the country.

To furnish accurate information to the government of the capacities in which women are now serving, whether in their own homes or in paid pursuits, trades or professions.

To have in every community lists of women carefully classified who are willing to be called upon for trained or untrained service to the state or the nation.

To ascertain which women are available for service outside the home, and which are not.

To enlist the women who wish to take training in order to give more efficient service.

To be able to furnish women for salaried positions whether in government service or not.

To be able to place women who can volunteer their services in positions of usefulness in many fields.

To have a registry of the capacities and training of the women of the country as the basis of the work of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense.

A meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. W. P. Gemmill, 106 First street, when preliminary plans were mapped out for future intensive work along lines laid down by their president, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw.

Small Fire

A fire alarm was sounded about 11 o'clock last night and the department responded quickly. It was found that a chimney was fired at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fleming, corner of Oneida and Knox. Chemicals were used and the trouble was soon ended with no damage to the Fleming home or neighboring dwellings.

KIRK'S ANTI-CHAP

Rough red chapped hands are unsightly and more or less distressing.

KIRK'S ANTI-CHAP will cure them over night 25c a bottle at

KIRK'S DRUG STORE

W. P. Kirk

4th & Donner 6th & Reed

OLYMPIC THEATRE

WEDNESDAY— Metro day. Ethel Barrymore in "The Eternal Mother."

THURSDAY & FRIDAY— "THE WARRIOR," starring MACISTE, the strongest man in the world.

SATURDAY— Wm. Farnum in "When a Man Sees Red." A great picture.

The First National Bank AND Monessen Savings & Trust Co.

Stand by the President

We are loyal to the SPIRIT as well as to the LETTER of the Law.

We cannot legally close for the entire day except on Legal Holidays; but so far as possible, we will submit to the same restrictions that are imposed on other business houses to conserve fuel and help win the war.

For this purpose, on every Monday till March 25th, we will remain closed till 2 p. m. and we will be open for business from 2:00 to 3:00 p. m.

The First National Bank.
Monessen Savings & Trust Co.

WHEN IS A DOLLAR MORE THAN A DOLLAR?

Answer

When it's Spent for High-Grade Clothes At Our Clearance Sale

That's the way a conundrum writer would tell the story of our clearance sale: there's one nice thing about it—it's short and to the point.

Your dollar buys a lot of extra clothes value at this store right now.

These high grade suits and overcoats we bought for fall and winter are worth much more than we paid for them—and they'll continue to grow in value as the wool market becomes tighter.

But we need space for new spring goods and we want to make new friends for this store. We know that the best way to have a friend is to be one yourself.

When you consider we're selling clothes at reduced prices based on what we paid for the goods months ago, you'll realize that we're giving you something—that we're real friends.

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THE SENATORIAL SCRAP

Let the band play on. The light is beginning to shine in down at the United States senate and the politicians are beginning to disgourge. Penrose challenged Stone to show him why President Wilson should not be criticised. Stone then pointed him to a man by the name of Shanks who had been arrested in St. Louis for criticizing the president. "Yes," retorted Penrose, "did a police migistrate or agents of the Federal department of Justice arrest him?" "That's unimportant," said Stone, "but I will apprise the Senate."

"It is important," persisted Senator Penrose. "I presume he was arrested by agents appointed by the President. It was unjustifiable and an outrage—an impressive illustration of the high handed methods of the administration." Senator Penrose added he had never heard of any "divine ointment on Mr. Wilson's head." The Missouri senator, he thought, spoke of the President as if he were the whole government. "Is Mr. Wilson to remain in power forever?" Penrose inquired. "Is there no one to succeed him?"

Senator Penrose then turned to the coal situation, declaring Fuel Administrator Garfield a "college president who probably never saw a coal mine." "Men wonder to what deplorable depths of inefficiency the government has dropped" said he. "In my opinion there has been no necessity for a shortage of coal any place," Senator Penrose said.

"I don't think that in the few months that we have been in the war, we have reached the point where we need to interrupt the currents of commerce. We are possessed with fads, and everything we read about from foreign countries is brought to Congress by bureau clerks and is passed. I think the time has come when that should stop."

The Democratic leader charged that the Republicans in the Senate are making political capital out of the war while the counter charge of building up a big obnoxious machine is being laid by Republicans at the doors of the Democrats.

No doubt this criticism will put those in power on their guard and a better service will result, yet it is disgusting that men high in office must play politics when thousands of young men have given up all that seems most dear to them to fight for the nation. If the war goes on successfully, the Democrats will get abundant credit, and if they fail then the criticism will likewise go to the same party. But in the meantime it is the duty of every congressman and senator to guard well the authority that is placed in any one man regardless of how high a place he holds politically.

OBEYING MANDATES

Just now while the nation is in war if the administration would tell a fellow to tear his house down in order to give the enemy less to work on he would think he had to obey. Everybody is obeying orders just as they are sent out by the administration, and it makes no difference how inexperienced or insignificant the clerk may be.

That's just why everybody closed down in Monessen in obedience to the sweeping order of the fuel administration. Monessen it a patriotic town through and through. She gives up her boys and she backs them up with her dollars, and while the town's faith may doubt the administration, it never doubts the government. People here are striving to be loyal in every way, but they would like to feel that the stopping of industry and throwing people out of employment is utterly necessary. It is being done in the name of winning the war, but as soon as the order was issued they started in to make exemptions until there is not a great deal of the original order left.

METHODS OF WAR

Every war has its own type of fault in the system and methods of conducting it. In the Cuban war the great trouble was the food. The embalmed beef became a tradition of our history. This time the difficulty centers around our system for supplying clothing and munitions. But it is a great satisfaction to the American people, amid all the storm of complaints, to hear so little said about the food. This must be pretty good.

People who see the boys in large numbers say that already they can observe the evidence of good substantial living. A lot of pale faced boys have been turned into huskies. Of course this is largely outdoor life. But it could not exist were not the boys getting nutritious, well cooked food.

So when you hear the yarns, never circulated publicly, but slipped around in a stealthy way by word of mouth, that the boys are getting stale food, cold coffee, and that cooking is rotten, look for the slimy trail of the spy.

JAPS A THRIFTY PEOPLE

Our people might well reflect on the patient frugality by which Japan has become a great nation, though living on a small group of islands with poor soils. They fought and financed a great war, and have grown to a great industrial nation, on a diet of rice, root crops, vegetables and fish. In Great Britain the farmers are already growing six months wheat supply on their cramped territory. They expect to be able very nearly to feed themselves in 1918. Yet our country with its vast acres can scarcely raise its own food. The world's food shortage will not wholly end when the war closes, though that will afford some relief. There are causes even more fundamental than the great war. We need scientific agriculture, home gardening, intensive farming, more food producers. And one of the greatest needs is the saving of more capital to put into farm enterprises and equipment. Every man who saves a dollar and puts it into enterprise that helps agriculture, does something to relieve food shortage.

EDITORIALETTES

It may take almost as many tailors to make a man as collectors to induce him to pay for the job.

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Rhinebeck, Iowa, enrolled everyone of its population in the Red Cross. Pretty good for a town with such a name.

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Germany, says a Berlin paper, will hold out to the bitter end. They know what kind of an end it's going to be, don't they?

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How much of the loot of the Holy Sepulcher did the Turks divide with their "Christian Dog" brother, Wilhelm Hohenzollern?

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Hahnemann college, Philadelphia, has opened a course for "re-education of the muscles." For rheumatics? Naw—for wounded soldiers.

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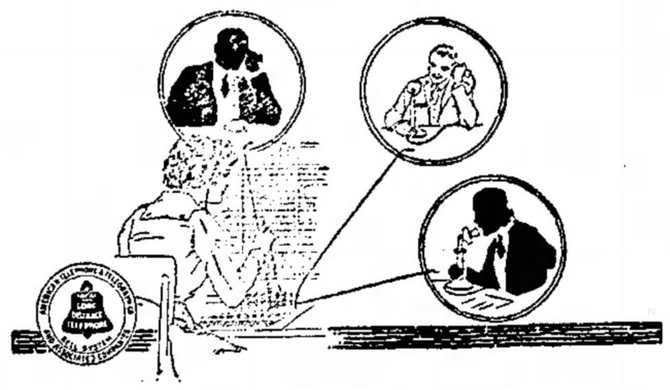
Milwaukee has a melting pot and women are putting their old thimbles into it. In time they may be putting their gold knitting needles into it.



"Busy"

In these extraordinary times it is only natural that telephone lines should frequently be reported busy. *The busier people are, the busier are their telephones!*

If, perhaps, because the call is urgent you question whether the operator is sure that her "busy" report is correct, bear in mind that her test of the line called is a very simple matter and subject to no degree of doubt. Remember, too, that it is easier and quicker for her to complete a call than to report back to the person calling.

Each operator senses her unusual responsibility these days, and is appreciative of every evidence of consideration accorded her earnest effort.

The Central District Telephone Company
F. B. Burwell, Local Manager
Charleroi, Pa.

High-Grade Naval Gunnery.

No one can foretell the future, but we are disclosing no secret when we say that, if our battleship line should ever range up against the enemy, he will be treated at the longest ranges to a storm of fire which, in rapidity, accuracy and the uncanny way in which it clings to its ever-shifting objective, will be a most uncomfortable surprise to the enemy, asserts the Scientific American. For it is a fact that the methods of mounting, fire control, etc., which have been adopted and perfected in our navy, have raised our target practice to a point of accuracy, even at the longest ranges, which has never been reached in our own, or, probably, in any other navy.

Poisonous Constituent of Ivy.

Whether the poisonous constituent of poison ivy is chemical or bacterial is discussed in the Medical Record.

Doctor Frost insists that it is bacterial, because of the incubation period, the complete natural immunity of certain individuals, and that exposure may be strictly limited to proximity of the plant and for other reasons, and asserts that he has found a form of bacteria constant on all leaves examined.

J. T. McNair insists that actual contact with the resinous sap must occur, and that neither mixing with mercury nor heating destroys the poisonous quality of the sap. He therefore believes the action is chemical.

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and continues until the stock is sufficiently cleared away to make room for incoming shipments.

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Ladies' Shoes in all sizes and prices reduced.

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A full line of Gents' Furnishings will be sold below present day cost.

HERE MILL MEN

$7.00 acid proof rubber Boots, go at $4.79.
They certainly wont last long.
Other Bargains Not in This Ad

See KOVAL

Schoonmaker Near Third Street

HIS WOOD NYMPH

By AGNES G. BROGAN.

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When Carson came to a clearing he dropped his gun among the thick leaves, and lighting his pipe, leaned lazily back against a tree-trunk. Game was scarce, but it was the autumn beauty of the woods, as well as the hunting which had called him. This day of warmth and sunshine seemed borrowed from the summer so lately passed.

"What a glorious spot it was!" His dark eyes took in the color scheme of gold and crimson. "Back in the days of chivalry, a wandering knight might meet in such romantic surroundings, a lady of wondrous charm and beauty—a wood nymph perhaps, with flowers twined in her hair. But in this prosaic age of rush and reality—" Carson smiled into the bowl of his pipe, "the wonderful ladies competently run their own cars about city pavements, or golfed at a country club."

Following his smile came a ruminative frown. "Why was he always doomed to find the companionship of the fair sex of such tiresome sameness, was it because romance still lingered hopefully at the back of his capable business brain? A painting, 'The Daughter of the Wood,' which hanging before his desk at home, had not consciously attracted his attention, became now pictured upon his mind. The girl's long rippling hair, the eyes of wide startled wonder, the mischievous curl of lips as red as the berries in her hair. Then with a sense of human nearby presence, Carson turned to find the pictured sprite perched upon a mound of leaves behind him. This particular sprite laughed in frank delight at his evident astonishment.

"Well?" she asked saucily. Still bewilderedly staring, he noted her round brown arms escaping from their ragged covering, the wreath of mountain-ash berries crowning her shimmering hair; hair rippled far below the waist. Could it be girl or vision?

"That is what I must ask you," he replied. "Well?"

She laughed again. "You wonder how I came here," she questioned, "in this solitude, far from habitation."

He nodded. "I fancied at first that I had conjured up your image. My mind was at the moment filled with such poetic imaginings."

"We will then," the vision replied, "continue the fancy. I am, sir, a daughter of the wood." She pointed to his gun. "You, I fear, have been destroying my feathered friends; the cruelty must cease."

"It will, fair nymph," the man replied, joining whimsically in her pleasure. "With no habitation within many weary miles of walking, may I ask where is your abode?"

The girl pointed upward. "In the sturdy oak, sir, beneath which I sit."

"Asking pardon of a woodland daughter," Carson replied, "the tree beneath which you sit is a sturdy beech."

The girl's laughter went ringing through the silence. "What does it matter?" she said, "at night the tree makes a sheltered resting place and by day—" she arose hastily to her tiny sandaled feet—"by day I must be busy gathering nuts for the winter's store. Sir, I must leave you."

Carson arose also. The girl put forth a protesting hand.

"If you please," she begged, and left him looking after her retreating figure.

The episode filled his thoughts during days which followed. He smiled in happy reminiscence looking at the picture of the wood nymph above his desk. These pictured eyes were not half so beautiful, he thought, the curved lips not so alluring, as one other. And the remembered face would not be dismissed. Merrily it laughed at him from the crackling flames of his own fireplace, gravely it regarded him from shadowy corners. Carson knew that he must go back—back to the far wooded country where he had seen her. Now that romance had at last found him, he must claim it for his own.

He had reached this decision, when to pass a restless hour, he entered a motion-picture house. Absently he watched the changing scene cast upon the screen. There was something vaguely familiar, in the wooded, hilly country, then Carson sat up abruptly. Amazement and delight flitting across his features.

Down a narrow path, ever nearer ran a graceful girlish figure, her flowing hair crowned with a wreath of berries, her bared arms outstretched before her, a creature wild and free she was, now pausing to laugh in his very face, now dropping upon a mound of leaves, mischievously hiding from the lover who pursued her—Carson knew the hero-lover well, his face was pictured in many magazines, but it was the girl who claimed his attention.

"Mollie Miller," he read the name upon the screen; and thereafter sat breathless until the last triumphant picture faded into nothingness. It was this very act no doubt that his wood-nymph had been rehearsing in her wooded setting. And when a few days later, Miss Mollie Miller received his card at the studio, she smiled her famous smile and went forth to meet him.

"So," she said, "you found me after all."

"As I should have found you," he answered earnestly, "at the other side of the world."

BOARD HOLDS NO MEETINGS

President Decides All Questions for Members, but Never Calls Them in for a Conference.

There is no more familiar title among government departments than the board of trade. It seems to be responsible for all kinds of things and all sorts of undertakings and happenings. It will find you a chairwoman or negotiate a commercial treaty. It consists of a president and a large number of members among whom are reckoned the Archbishop of Canterbury and the speaker of the house of commons, a writer in London Tit-Bits states.

By law these members have a right to be called to discuss questions of trade and to help the president to shape his policy, yet the fact remains no meetings are ever held! The president never dreams of calling his committee together. He does much as he likes, comes to his own decisions, and then announces that "the board thinks so and so."

One wonders what would happen if the archbishop or some other member were to insist upon being consulted, this this surprising method of doing business should cease.

The board of trade does not stand alone. Every school-teacher in the land knows that "my lords" say this and "my lords" rule that. Their full title is "the lords of the committee of the privy council of education;" but they never meet, and the vice president would probably be puzzled to name a half-dozen of them. Mr. Fisher and his predecessors rule without "my lords," but in their name. Thus do they get credit for the good they do and are a refuge in the day of storm.

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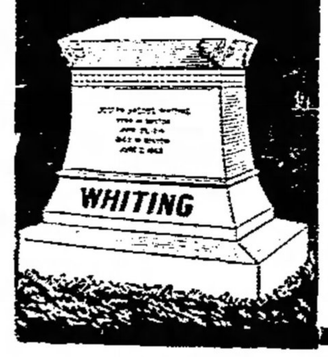

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Delegates Have Been Appointed

Nine Governors, the heads of 13 State Departments of Educations, 43 Mayors of principal cities, 4 state Bar Associations, 22 Chambers of Commerce of large cities, and over 200 colleges and universities and national and local trade bodies have already appointed delegates to the National Security League Congress. The list includes many of the best-known men and women in the country.

Gov. Whitman has named as delegates from the state of New York,—Mr. Root, Alton B. Parker, who is Honorary Vice-President of the National Security League and S. Stanwood Menken, President of the League. Gov. Lowden of Illinois, has named three Ex-Governors of the state, Edward F. Dunne, Charles S. Deneen and Joseph W. Fifer. James Couzens of Detroit, associate of Henry Ford, is one of the delegates named by Gov. Sleeper of Michigan.

President Lowell of Harvard, chairman of the Executive Committee of the League to Enforce Peace, has named as the delegates from that organization,—Harry A. Wheeler, Ex-President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; Jacob M. Dickinson, who is Honorary Chairman of the Chicago Branch of the National Security League; and Mrs. Phillip North Moore, of St. Louis, president of the National Council of Women, who is a member of the Security League's Committee on Patriotism thru education.

Fish To Substitute For Meat

The following article was clipped out of a Washington, Pa., paper and we wish Monessen would get something like this handed out:

"President Hinrichs of the Wholesale Fish Dealers' association of Erie, through the efforts of J. L. Lockhart, food administrator for Washington county, has arranged a deal whereby a car of fish, amounting to 15,000 pounds will be shipped to Washington and sold direct from the car at cost.

This is being done all over the country through the national food administration of which Mr. Lockhart is county representative. The fish will be sold at just enough cost to cover the actual expense of the fish and the freight, and no profit will be made. The car will come over the Pennsylvania Lines, and is expected to arrive here about January 28 or 29. An other article will appear in the papers later telling just when and where the fish are to be sold.

The variety will be ciscoes, or small white fish. At the same time the ciscoes are being sold here, six wholesale houses of Pittsburgh will be selling the same variety of fish at the same prices. The ciscoe sale is done not only to save money for the consumer but also to educate the people of the town and county to the use of fish as a good products and the consequent saving of meat.

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Commission Will Investigate Wages

Director General of Railroads McAdoo has announced the appointment of a railroad wage commission to make a general investigation of the subject of railroad wages in the United States. The Director General named as members of the Commission Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior; Charles C. McChord, member of the Interstate Commerce Commission; J. Harry Covington, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia and William R. Willcox, of New York. The members of this commission are all men who have had experience in dealing with the problems referred to it.

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Workmen Solve Problem

Coming back at the excuse of the Pittsburgh Railways company, which claims to have been forced to cut off several cars between Monongahela and Donora because of the lack of repairmen to keep them in shape, five experienced electricians from the Donora Zinc Mill make this offer:

"James C. Chadwick, foreman of the lectrical department of the Donora Zinc Mill and his force of men offer their services free of charge in repairing two cars for the Pittsburgh Railways company, providing the company will operate these cars on the regular morning and evening schedule for the working men between Monongahela and Donora as they were formerly operated.

"All that the men ask the company is their transportation to and from the Charleroi barns. The repairs will be done at night by these workmen from the electrical department of the zinc mill. Mr. Chadwick is an electrician of ability as is his assistant, James McAllister.

"The sole purpose of the men's offer is to get better service for the workmen in the morning and evening."

Secretary Lane was for eight years a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission and was also the chairman of the board, consisting of himself, the Secretary of Labor, Daniel Willard and Samuel Gompers, which brought about the agreement between the railroads and the four railroad brotherhoods to accept the Adamson law.

Commissioner McChord was formerly chairman of the Kentucky railroad commission. During his eight years of service as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission he has been largely concerned with those regulatory laws which directly affect railroad employees, and during 1916 had charge of the car shortage problems.

Judge Covington, prior to his appointment as a Federal Judge in 1914, was a Member of Congress, serving on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, the committee which considers all railway legislation in the House of Representatives. He was the President's personal representative in a mission to the Pacific Coast States in connection with Labor trouble existing there.

Mr. Willcox is the present chairman of the Republican National Committee. After serving as postmaster of New York City he was appointed by Gov. Hughes chairman of the New York Public Service Commission for the first district and served upon that body for six years.

The Commission has been appointed with a view to determining the wages for the different classes of labor upon the railroads. It will begin its work at once and will report to the Director General, giving its recommendations in general terms as to changes that should be made. Upon this report the Director General will make a decision.

Few Licenses Issued in Monessen

A special from Kittanning says:

"This is not a dogless county. Owing to the great demand for licenses the local office has run out of tags and has sent to Pittsburgh for a consignment of 3,000 more."

That isn't the way it is in Monessen. The dogs are plentiful enough, but the people seem very slow in paying the license and getting their little brass tag. Squire A. N. Shuster says he has only issued about 60 dog licenses and Squire J. B. White approximately half that number.

Now the legal time is past when dogs have any protection by the law. Every dog, no matter how valuable, if found running at large is considered a vagrant and is subject to be killed. So all who have dogs and want to keep them, should awaken from their lethargy and trot right down to one of the squire's offices and pay their dog license so as to make sure of the safety of their valued pet or house dog.

Just as soon as this little winter spell breaks up and the constables and officers can get away from their fires for extra service, a raid will be made and there will be something doing along the dog line. So dog owner, be on the safe side and procure your dog license for 1918 before it is too late.

Business Mens Annual Convention

March 13 is the date and Washington is the place decided upon for the annual convention of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Retail Merchants and Business Men's Association. The time and the place were determined at a conference of representatives of the business men's bureau of the local Board of Trade with the executive committee of the Southwestern association in Pittsburgh last week.

The conference will have, as its object, the solution of the many problems now facing all business men; the "question box" will be in charge of William Smedley, secretary of the state association. War topics will feature the convention program, and the many things for which Washington has become noted are expected to the attractiveness of the sessions and bring many prominent business men from all parts of the state there on that date. March 13 was decided upon because of the local business men's annual style show there March 12 to 15.

Thompson Coal Lands to be Sold

After a meeting of the creditors of J. V. Thompson, in the office of the referee in bankruptcy, J. G. Carrol, at Uniontown, referee in bankruptcy for the former Uniontown banker and coal man, issued an order for the sale of 12,000 acres of coal land to the H. C. Frick interests for $500 an acre, or a total of $6,000,000. The referee overruled several objections filed by creditors against the sale. Among these objects was one which opposed having the costs of the sale deducted from the claims and another man claimed that mortgages held by many creditors were on coal lands worth more than $500 an acre.

Referee Carroll stated that he is anxious to have the sale confirmed as soon as possible in order to cut down the expenses that are piling up daily.

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Scientist Asserts Ships at Sea Will Be Controlled From Shore and Gasoline Will Be Grown Like Corn.

In the lobby of a big Fifth avenue club one evening recently, a group of scientific men were discussing the war as being the necessity that will bring about some startling inventions, notes a New York correspondent. If the sprinkling of intellectural luminati were not stamped by genius, it is probable that an ordinary bystander would have tapped his forehead knowingly

One of them was telling about a scientist who is already telephoning to airplanes without wires. And another quoted a famous inventor who said that it would only be a short while until all telephone wires would be abolished as unessential.

"The fact is," he said, "that telephone wires do not in reality carry our messages. Every scientist knows that. Back of it all is the great process of thought which we are only beginning feebly to understand.

"The more we delve into this process of thought—whatever it is—the more we come to the conclusion that the material phenomena is the projection of thought. We know that every material thing comes from a thought or an idea.

"We are arriving at the conclusion that even space is thought, for we are annihilating space every day through a thinking process. It will not be many generations before every ship at sea is controlled by thought from shore. Our trains are going to be run without fuel, and we are going to grow gasoline just like we raise corn."

Best Way to Choose Good Cows

The best way to select dairy cows is to choose them on the strength of production records. As few cows are tested in this country, it is necessary to rely on points of conformation indicative of the cow's ability to produce.

According to E. L. Anthony, of the Pennsylvania State College, size of dairy cows is of prime importance. Cows smaller than the average for the breed should be discriminated against

Good dairy cows should show plenty of health and vigor, as these qualities are essential in producing large quantities of milk. In addition the capacity to handle large quantities of feed is also important. They should be large, long, broad and deep.

Dairy cows should possess good mammary development. Udders should be large, well attched and of good mality. Pendulant or ill-shaped udders may produce milk but they are unsightly

Dairy cows are not beef producers. Authorities maintain that milk production and beef production cannot be developed. Dairy cows should be refined and free from any undue coarseness or fleshiness.

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LOCAL NOTES

—Mrs. George Nash is spending the day in Pittsburgh.

—P. T. Grady spent the week end with friends in Pittsburgh.

—Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Stewart are spending the day in Pittsburgh.

—Mrs. C. J. Mountsier of Sixth St., is numbered among the sick.

—J. L. Pierce left last evening for Warren where he will be employed.

—Don't forget the bargain vaudeville matinee at STAR tomorrow. 97-2t

—Miss Francis Conley left this morning for Cleveland where she will visit friends.

—Miss Bessie Bowers has returned home from West Newton where she visited friends.

—Amelia Pehl is home from McKeesport, where she spent several days with friends.

—Editor W. H. Watson of the Donora American, was a business visitor in town today.

—Miss Pricilia Johnston has returned home from Greensburg where she spent the past week.

—Douglas Fairbanks in "The Man from Painted Post," at the STAR next Wednesday. 97-4t

—Mrs. Anna Skurkay and daughters Catherine and Mary are spending the day in Pittsburgh

—All members of the Weston class are requested to attend the services at the M. E. church tonight.

—Misses Pearl Strickler and Ada Johnston have returned from Perryopolis where they visited friends.

—Miss Anna Vincent of Finleyville, has returned to her home after spending some time with Monessen friends.

—Mrs. H. E. Rinehart and daughter Virginia, and Mrs. Harry Watt and daughter Annabelle were visitors in Pittsburgh today.

—Miss Della Hilman, stenographer at Brown's jewelry store, is confined to her home in Belle Vernon by an attack of appendicitis.

—Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkins are celebrating the arrival of an eleven pound boy. The stork came to the home, 105 First street yesterday.

—Thomas Powell, a local Monessen boy, enlisted in the Signal aviation corps on Monday and will leave for Texas on next Wednesday, where he will enter training.

—Constable A. J. Smith is at Black Lick where he is temporarily operating a coal mine owned by a brother Hence the first and second wards are without constables, as Constable Woolsey is still sick.

—Mr. C. M. Colins, of New York City, special investigator for the Wells-Fargo Express Co., spent the last week in Monessen and Charleroi looking after business for his company in this section

—Henry Fusarini, interpreter in Daniel Reamer's office, who has been in the Memorial hospital, Monongahela, for some time, suffering of a compound fracture of the knee, caused by falling on an icy pavement, is reported as improving.

Converts are Coming Each Night

Converts each evening is now the result of the evangelistic services at the M. E church. A crowd that taxed the capacity of the entire building heard Evangelist Ackley last night. The music was full of inspiration, under the direction of Mr. Kooser. The Keystone class, a great class of young men taught by W. S Robins marched in and made things interesting. Mrs. Graham's class and the Isabel Thobburn class attended the services Mr. Ackley preached a powerful sermon on the "Pay-Master Devil," and the audience was deeply moved and it was indeed an inspiring sight to witness the response

Tonight the Weston class and the Men's Bible class will go as delegations. The subject will be "The Blind Man Who Saw," in which he handles the excuses of people who are not Christians.

Thursday night the councilmen, burgess and boro officials will attend as a body The local carpenters' union will also send a large delegation The Ladies' Adult class will be in attendance A great meeting is being planned for men only at 3 o'clock Sunday. Following are a few pert sayings from last night's sermon.

"You get your wages where you work It would be a change for a lot of people to stop and think you thing about everything else but God and Eternal Life A man without sin looks good in a book, but he don't talk with human experience Sin is too real to be ignored, and only a fool makes fun of the doctrine of sin

"There are ten thousand theories telling folk how to get rid of the responsibility for wrong doing, but most of them are simply good to give you a sick case of spiritual stomach ache

"If God should come down and write the story of your life upon your forehead, you men would run from the building tonight and when we met you tomorrow on the street you'd be wearing a lot extra hats too big for you And it's some thing to think of the minute

"But for real comfort there is no good substitute but your own make up be sure If you don't believe it try it on a few of your men friends and be shocked by every decent and honest man Way? Because there is such a different standard for a man than the one set for the God

"I can't tell a saint from a sant, always, but I can make a pretty good guess.

"A lot of people need an ash-hopper experience There are some things you can do and some things you can't do, and one of them is to make good on your resolutions. Usually the best resolution falls before the first temptation.

"I wouldn't give standing room in heaven for a quick claim deed to the whole earth, with all its gold, and silver, and diamonds and its honor and all it can give.

"In heaven there'll be no gambling, no drinking, no broken hearts, no funerals, no undertakers, and there'll be no liars For only the pure in heart shall see God."

The worst thing about hell is its eternity that's it forever and forever and forever and then for just as long and forever, and the man who goes to hell because he rejected Jesus Christ here will all through eternity be continually rejecting Christ. Liars will always be liars, murderers will always be murderers, and Pilate will always be crucifying Jesus

Ever since sin came into the world men have been speculating where it came from, and how to get his sinful nature But it is not half so important to know how you got your sinful nature as to know how to get rid of it

"For me I don't know where I came from is no reason why I should not look at where I'm going

"The man who refuses to be pulled out of the water where he is drowning because he doesn't know how he got in, is no bigger fool than the man who refuses to let Christ save him from sin, simply because he don't know how he got into sin."

Millions of Dollars are At Stake

(By Gifford Pinchot)

The twelve-year fight to keep the Nation's water power from capture by the power monopolists is at last on the verge of being won. The administration Water Power Bill, now before Congress, opens the way to save for the people of the United States their most valuable natural asset. Some fifty million water horse power is at stake.

The bill in question was formulated under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, was submitted to the President for his approval and recently put forward as an administration measure. It deals with water power in National Forests, public lands, Indian lands, and navigable streams. A special committee of the House has been created to consider it

It is an admirable measure, drawn with thorough knowledge and unusual skill. The principles essential for the wise use and development of our public water powers in the public interest are all embodied in it.

(1) The thing to do with water power is to develop it. Whatever retards or restricts the development of public water powers on terms fair to the public is against policy and hostile to the general welfare.

(2) Water power belong sto the people. The sites where it is produced should always be held in public hands, for only so can effective control in the general interest be secured.

(3) Where public development is not desired, the right to use water sites should be leased for periods long enough to permit sound, attractive and profitable investment, but never longer than fifty years. At the end of each lease all rights should return to the people who gave them.

(4) In order to protect the consumer against extortion, rates and service should be regulated by Federal authority when State or local authorities fail to do so.

(5) Reasonably prompt and complete development and continuous operation, subject to market conditions, should be required. Already millions of water horsepower are held out of use to further monopoly by private corporations.

(6) Corporations or individuals who make money out of rights granted by the peole should share their profits with the people.

(7) The public has a right to complete information about every business based on the use of public property.

It is a real pleasure to anounce that every one of these principles is fully safeguarded in the Administration's Water Power Bill. What remains, therefore, is for Congress to put this measure through without delay.

The administration Water Power Bill will first come before the House of Representatives, where an effort will certainly be made to amend it in the interest of the power interests. If that fails, the water power lobbyists will endeavor to have the indefencible provisions of the Shields bill substituted in the Senate for the Administration bill. Beaten in that, they will fall back upon the formula of obstruction and delay they have used so successfully for the last ten years.

This measure is practical, fair and wise. The friends of Conservation should insist that their friends in Congress shall give their prompt and full suport to the Administration Water Power Bill, and shall see to it that it is passed without emasculation, substitution, or postponement. It is of vital interest to our country while the war is on, and will be equally important after the war is over.

The passage of this law will secure to the American people forever vast resources whose use for the good of all will make this land a safer and better place to live in. All the forces of Conservation are behind it.

The Judge, He Knows.

"What, you here again?" exclaimed a New York police magistrate when his eyes fell upon a familiar face before the bar. "Why, you're only out of the workhouse," said the magistrate to the man, who was arraigned for striking his wife. "Well, you see, judge," began the prisoner, "we have mice in the house—you know how it is, judge—and my wife set a trap for them. I was going around the room in my bare feet—you know how it is, judge—not thinking of the trap. I stepped on the bait and my big toe caught in the sharp wire noose—you know how it is, judge—" "What's that got to do with striking your wife?" "I threw the trap at her—you know how it is, judge—and she didn't dodge it." "No, I don't know how it is. You had been drunk—last night." "I had one drink—you know how it is, judge." "Two months in the workhouse—you know how it is," said the magistrate.

Many Cattle Are Killed on Tarcks

Through the negligence of livestock owners, food animals valued at $20,000 were killed on the tracks of the Central of Georgia Railway during the first nine months of last year. According to a statement of the Vice President and General Manager of that road, 1,862 head of stock were needlessly wasted in this manner, the average value of which was approximately $10 to $11 per head. Fine dairy cows and beef cattle were included, as well as hogs, sheep, geese, etc.

During those nine months one animal was killed for every mile of track on the Central of Georgia, and if that figure can be accepted as a basis for estimating the loss for the entire country, the destruction of food animals on the railway tracks of the United States during the first nine months of this yar can be put at $2,760,000 or $3,680,000 for the whole year.

"That is a very serious loss to the country and its allies at this time," said Secretary Bedfield in a statement issued by his department today, "and gives point to the opinions recently expressed by Mr. L. W. Baldwin, vice president and general manager of the Centrol of Georgia Railway, and published in the Savannah Morning News." Mr. Baldwin's opinions are here reprinted in part:

"For the nine months up to October first of this year, there were killed on our tracks 1,862 head of stock, the average value of which is approximately $10 to $11 per head. Some of these are fine dairy cows and beef cattle, and other head include hogs, sheep, geese etc.

"Just now there is being conducted a nation-wide campaign for the conservation of food, and when each of us is asked to do his bit toward saving something to eat, would it not be fair and right for the owners of live stock to keep their cattle within range and away from the railroad tracks, where they trespass to the ultimate cost of everyone? I consider this a question serious enough to merit the instant consideration of every county and every municipality, as well as every individual, and if there are localities where proper laws do not exist with respect to roaming livestock, suitable laws ought to be drafted and passed. Assuming that other railroads have about the same experience that we have, the economic loss in this state, and in the country, every year, from this cause must be enormous."

Fight Against His Own Kin

John Guth left for Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to prepare himself for a combat with 11 kinsmen in the German army. When Guth learned of the death of a very close friend with Pershing in France, he resigned his position at the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad offices and enlisted.

"I'll bring an ear of the kaiser back with me," he said, "if I have to kill all four uncles and seven cousins now in the German army."

He wanted to be assigned to whatever branch will get him to the front first.

At Baby's Funeral

—Otis Grant of Parkway, has just returned from attending the funeral services of Annabelle Grant, the nine months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Grant of Struthers, Pa., who died Sunday after a five week's illness of brain fever. The funeral was held at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. Otis Grant of Monessen, is a brother of A. H. Grant, father of the deceased.

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Do Business Under Assumed Name

There seems to be no end to the number of firms in Pennsylvania doing business under assumed names. An act passed at the last legislature provides that persons doing business under assumed names must be registered at the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth. Thus far almost 1,200 have been certified and each mail brings in new papers. Clerks are unable to make an estimate as to what the final total will be.

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A Powerful Sermon by Evangelist

Last night Evangelist Wright delivered a great message upon "The Church" and the Lodge" at the Christian church. He said he was not here to make any tirade upon either church or lodge, but to deliver a heart to heart message that would be helpful to everyone present whether a member of the church or lodge. Everyone went away feeling the evangelist had treated everyone present courteously and that the evangelist understood the subject.

The evangelist said it was no part of either a Christian or a gentleman to condemn either the church or the lodge on the ground there were no hypocrites in them. He said no man would ever join any institution on earth if he waited until he found one free of hypocrites. He said the man who refused to become a Christian because there were hypocrites in the church was a bigger hypocrite than the one he was hiding behind.

In the course of his remarks he said the church was a divine institution. It had a divine head, divine foundation, divine law, divine terms of membership and that it was in reality the only benevolent institution on earth. He said it was a mistake to call the lodge a benevolent institution. It was a business and social institution, but not a benevolent institution. He said it excluded every object of benevolence to start with—those too young, those too poor, those who were deaf, dumb and blind. He said it excluded all women—that no woman could be a Mason or an Odd Fellow. He said Masonry was head and shoulders of all the orders. He said the lodge was one place where a man could pay up or get out while in the church, many tried to take advantage of the church. He said one of the very strong points of the lodge was that it had too much good hard sense to attempt two organizations governd by the same ritual in the same town. He said you never saw two Masonic orders in one little town of a few thousand people, but that it was no uncommon thing to find a half dozen churches in a little village of less than one thousand and yet each one claiming to have the same ritual. (the Bible.)

He said obedience to the Masonic ritual would make a Mason only. Obedience to the Odd Fellows ritual would make an Odd Fellow only. Here he emphasized the fact that obedience to the Christian's ritual would make a good Christian only. He then asked the question "If the Bible only makes Christians only, what makes one anything else than a Christian or a member of any one of the different denominations? Let some member of some denomination answer if he thinks he can.

He said here was the great weakness of the church, all divided up into little weak, struggling bands, each spending all its money, time and energy to merely exist, while if united as the Bible taught and all standing together as they should with no creed but Christ, no book but the Bible and no name but the Bible name (Christian), the church could take the world for Christ in less than one half of a century.

He said the church being a divine institution could keep no one out, but stood with out stretched arms to receive both male and female, rich and poor, old and young, black and white, the deaf, dumb, blind, the fortunate and unfortunate, the fallen woman the poor old sin besmirched drunkard and all, while the lodge drew the line on these. He said every good thing in the lodge was taken from the ritual of the church (the Bible), that the church was the only soul saving institution on earth, that a man might be a member of every lodge in the world and live up to its obligations and still go to perdition.

He said every lodge member ought to be a member of the church, and if he were and were doing all he should do in the church, he would have nothing to do in the lodge, and in fact there would be nothing left for the lodge to do only go out of business, if he could do as the Scriptures teach "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. (Col. 3:17.)

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